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MR. PRESIDENT:—" Lengthy answers to interpellations might be typed or printed and placed on the table of the House, so that the time of the House may be saved."

Machines for shelling groundnut and quantity shelled.

*54 *Q.*—SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state how many machines there are in each district for shelling groundnut, in how many towns there are such shelling machines and in how many villages; what the quantity shelled is as per each machine in the several places during the year 1937–38 and whether the owners of the shelling machines are ryots or merchant-men shelling for profit?

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI:—" A statement [a] showing the number of groundnut shelling factories coming under the Factories Act in the several villages and towns in this Province districtwar is placed on the table of the House. The Government believe that most of the factories are owned by merchants shelling for profit. Other detailed information asked for in the question is not available."

SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU:—" It is stated in the answer that the machines are in the hands of the merchants. May I know whether these machines are in the hands of the ryots themselves and operated by them? Will the Hon. Minister see that the machines are controlled by the ryots themselves and that the ryots themselves get the benefit?"

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI:—" It is advisable to do so; the Government will see how far it is possible to do so."

Revenue from groundnut trade and quantity of groundnut oil exported from the Presidency.

*55 *Q.*—SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the total export value of the groundnut trade is for the Madras Presidency and what the revenue derived by the Imperial Government or by the Provincial Government is from the cultivation and export of groundnuts; what expenses the Government incur upon groundnut in the matter of its production or sale or otherwise; and

(*b*) what the total export is during each year from 1932 of groundnut oil from the Madras Presidency and the places of its destination; what the total inland consumption of groundnut oil each year is since 1932?

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a Printed as Appendix III on pages 76–77 infra.